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CHERYL I'M FLATTERED YOU WANT ME TO TEACH YOU THE *TRUE* MEANING OF THE *HOLIDAY SEASON?*

SURE, BETTY! JUST AS LONG AS IT FITS IN BETWEEN MY *SHOPPING, PARTY PLANNING,* AND *HOLIDAY DRESS FITTING!*

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Cheryl Blossom™ in 'Tis the Seaso$n PART ONE

AH, I DO BELIEVE *CHRISTMAS* IS MY FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR!

ME, TOO, DADDY! ALL THE COOL *GIFTS* PEOPLE GIVE ME! IT CAN'T BE BEAT!

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ACTUALLY, I WAS TALKING MORE ABOUT THE SENTIMENT OF THE *SEASON!*

HOW EVERYONE IS SO *GIVING* AND FULL OF *LOVE* FOR THEIR FELLOW MAN!

YOU KNOW WHAT I ACTUALLY HEARD SOMEONE SAY? IT'S BETTER TO *GIVE* THAN TO *RECEIVE!*

WHAT A *RIOT!*

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SIGH WHERE DID I GO WRONG?!

BEEP! BEEP!

OH, THE TRUCK'S HERE!

THE *TRUCK*?!

YES, I'M HAVING SOME PRESENTS DELIVERED! I DID A LITTLE SHOPPING THIS MORNING!

YOU KNOW, GIVING AND ALL THAT OTHER *HOLIDAY* HULLABALOO LIKE YOU WERE SAYING!

JUST BRING THEM IN AND SET THEM BY THE TREE, GUYS!

SURE THING, MA'AM!

AND SOON... I CAN'T SEE THE *TREE* ANYMORE!

THE OTHER TRUCK SHOULD BE HERE SOON!

ARE ALL THESE GIFTS FOR *OTHER PEOPLE*?

WELL, ACTUALLY I DID FIND SOME THINGS I WANTED! SO I HAD THEM WRAP THOSE UP, TOO!

THEN I GET TO PICK OUT THINGS *I* WANT, *TOO!*

HOW DID I EVER MANAGE TO MAKE YOU TWO SO SPOILED AND SELFISH?

DADDY! I'M NOT SELFISH!

ME EITHER! I'VE GOT THAT SPIRIT OF GIVING THING GOING ON!

I ALWAYS GIVE CHERYL MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE GIFTS THAN SHE GIVES ME!

YOU DO NOT!

I SPENT SO MUCH ON YOU LAST YEAR I HAD TO PUT IT ON *TWO* OF DADDY'S *CREDIT CARDS!*

I STILL SPENT *MORE* ON *YOU!!*

DIDN'T!

DID!

DIDN'T!

DID!

DIDN'T!

WOULD YOU TWO KNOCK OFF THE FIGHTING PLEASE, BEFORE IT TURNS INTO A WRESTLING MATCH!

WRESTLING! REALLY DADDY! WE'RE ABOVE THAT!

WE HAVEN'T DONE ANY WRESTLING WITH ANYONE SINCE WE TOOK ON THOSE TOWNIES THAT SUMMER...

WELL, I'M RELIEVED TO HEAR THERE WON'T BE ANY MUD WRESTLING 'ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE!

DAD! I'VE SEEN THE ERROR OF MY WAYS! CAN I HAVE A ***BLANK CHECK*** SO I CAN GET CHERYL THE GREATEST GIFT EVER?!

I'LL TAKE ONE, TOO, SO I CAN SPEND AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF MONEY ON MY DEAR BROTHER!

ENOUGH OF THIS! I'M NOT GIVING EITHER OF YOU A ***PENNY*** TO SPEND ON EACH OTHER!

AND I DON'T WANT YOU CHARGING EACH OTHER'S GIFTS ON ***MY*** CREDIT CARDS, EITHER!

IF YOU TWO WANT TO BUY SOMETHING FOR EACH OTHER, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO IT YOURSELVES!

IT'S TIME YOU TWO LEARNED TO ***SACRIFICE*** A LITTLE!

SACRIFICE ?!

YES! THAT'S WHAT I SAID! NOW EXCUSE ME!

SACRIFICE?! WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

I DON'T KNOW! BUT I THINK THERE'S A ***DICTIONARY*** AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!

END PART ONE-4

Cheryl Blossom in 'Ti$ the Sea$on PART TWO

HERE IT IS... "THE ACT OF OFFERING THE *LIFE* OF A PERSON, ANIMAL OR OBJECT TO APPEASE OR PAY HOMAGE TO A DEITY!"

HE WANTS US TO *BUMP EACH OTHER OFF?!* HOW *BRUTAL!*

OH, WAIT, HE MUST MEAN THE SECOND DEFINITION...

"THE ACT OF GIVING UP SOMETHING VALUED FOR THE SAKE OF SOMETHING HAVING A MORE PRESSING CLAIM!"

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LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT! HE EXPECTS *US* TO GIVE SOMETHING *UP* JUST TO AFFORD A *GIFT* FOR EACH OTHER!

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST BUMP EACH OTHER OFF!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS?

NOT A ONE! I *LIKE* EVERYTHING I HAVE!

GOOD LUCK!

SAME TO YOU!

CHERYL, DID YOU REALLY INVITE ME OVER?! OR AM I *DELIRIOUS*?!

OF COURSE I INVITED YOU, *BETTY DEAR*! I HAVE NEED OF SOME ADVICE!

ADVICE FROM ME! WHAT COULD THAT POSSIBLY BE?

WELL, IT'S JUST THAT MY FATHER THINKS JASON AND I SHOULD GIVE UP SOMETHING WE HAVE TO GIVE EACH OTHER A CHRISTMAS GIFT!

AND YOU'RE SO GOODY-GOODY, I FIGURED YOU'D KNOW ALL ABOUT THIS *HOLIDAY* SCHMALTZ!

THANKS, I THINK!

WELL, A GIFT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SOME-THING WITH A *DOLLAR VALUE*!!

YOU POOR THING! HAS THAT *HAIR* BLEACH YOU USE GOTTEN TO YOUR *BRAIN*?

NO! I MEAN YOU COULD JUST PROMISE JASON YOU'LL BE NICE TO HIM FOR THE YEAR!

NAH! I'D RATHER SPEND A FORTUNE!

LET'S SEE... DOES HE HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S VERY PRECIOUS TO HIM?

YEAH! C'MON, I'LL SHOW YOU!

THIS HOT ITALIAN SPORTS CAR HE GOT FOR HIS BIRTHDAY!

WOW!

MAYBE YOU CAN GET HIM SOME TYPE OF ACCESSORY FOR IT!

THAT'S A *WONDERFUL* IDEA!

HIS OWN SEPARATE, DOUBLE GARAGE COMPLETELY CLIMATE CONTROLLED WITH SPACE FOR A LIVE-IN MECHANIC!

I WAS THINKING MORE LIKE A *CAR-VAC!*

THANKS, BETTY, FOR ALL YOUR HELP! DO COME AGAIN!

HUH? UH... SURE, CHERYL!

AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU, CHERYL BLOSSOM!

YEAH! YEAH! DECK THE HALLS... OR WHATEVER!

A LUXURY GARAGE! JASON COULDN'T TOP THAT! AND THAT BIG A SACRIFICE SHOULD IMPRESS DADDY!

BUT WHAT COULD I GIVE UP?

LATER... HMM! STOCKS, BONDS, JEWELRY, CARS! WHICH SHOULD I PART WITH?!

WELL, I HATE TO DO IT! BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO FINANCE DEAR BROTHER'S PRESENT!

MEANWHILE... AFTER THIS SENTIMENTAL HOLIDAY TRIP OUR DAD LAID ON US, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GIVE CHERYL!

ANY IDEAS, CEDRIC?

WHAT ARE HER INTERESTS?!

BESIDES MAKING MY LIFE MISERABLE? I'D SAY BOSSING OTHERS AROUND!

THAT'S *IT.!*

I KNOW JUST WHAT TO GET HER!

IT'S SURE TO BE SOMETHING SHE CAN'T MATCH AND DAD WILL BE IMPRESSED!

BUT WHERE WILL YOU GET THE CASH FROM?!

PEMBROOK

AND SO, WHEN CHRISTMAS ARRIVED...

THANKS FOR MY GIFTS, MOM AND DAD! THEY'RE GREAT!

THEY SURE ARE! THANKS A LOT!

YOU'RE WELCOME KIDS!

AREN'T YOU TWO FORGETTING SOMETHING? LIKE YOUR GIFTS TO EACH OTHER!

OH, WHY YES! JASON, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR GIFT FROM THE WINDOW!

REALLY?

WOW! WHAT IS IT?

A *DOUBLE-CAR* GARAGE FOR YOUR SPORTSCAR!

THAT'S WONDERFUL, CHERYL! :CHOKE: THANKS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! JASON'S ACTUALLY SHOWING *EMOTION*!

HERE'S YOUR GIFT, CHERYL!

♪ TWEET! ♪

A COMPLETE STAFF FOR YOUR MOUNTAIN *CHALET*!

OH, JASON! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE! :SOB:

BOO-HOO!

:WAH: :SOB:

I COULD UNDERSTAND YOU TWO GETTING A LITTLE EMOTIONAL, BUT WHY ARE YOU BASKET CASES?

I SOLD MY MOUNTAIN *CHALET* TO HAVE HIS *GARAGE* BUILT! :SNIFF:

AND I SOLD MY *SPORTS CAR* TO BUY HER HOUSE-STAFF! :SNORT:

OH, BROTHER!!

WAIT A MINUTE! THIS IS A LOT LIKE THAT CHRISTMAS STORY BY O'HENRY!

SOME GUY WAS NAMED AFTER A *CANDY BAR*?! :SNIFF:

NO, HE CAME *FIRST!* THE STORY WAS CALLED "GIFT OF THE MAGI"!

IT'S ABOUT A POOR COUPLE WHO SOLD THINGS THAT WERE PRECIOUS TO THEM TO BUY GIFTS FOR EACH OTHER!

HE SOLD HIS *POCKET WATCH* TO BUY HER FANCY HAIR COMBS.! AND SHE SOLD HER *HAIR* TO BUY HIM A CHAIN FOR HIS *WATCH*!

BUMMER!

NOW THAT WAS A *SACRIFICE*.! MUCH LIKE YOU TWO JUST DID!

EXCEPT THEY'RE BOTH STILL *FILTHY RICH*.!

I'M PROUD OF YOU TWO!

ME, TOO!

MOM, DAD, I WAS THINKING...

... CAN I HAVE ANOTHER CHALET FOR MY BIRTHDAY SINCE I HAVE A *STAFF* NOW!?

AND CAN I HAVE ANOTHER *ITALIAN* SPORTSCAR SINCE I HAVE THAT COOL *GARAGE*.!?

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THEY WERE ABOUT TO GET IT!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, DEAR!

The End

Cheryl's Christmas Style!

SALEM

OCCUPIED

BILL GOLLIHER & DAN DECARLO

I'M GOING TO BE LATE FOR SCHOOL! WOULD YOU HURRY IT UP IN THERE?!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

I NEED TO GET IN THERE, TOO, ZELDA!

GUESS AGAIN!

WHOOSH!

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST USE A *LITTER BOX* LIKE OTHER CATS?!

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

END

Cheryl Blossom™ in "Snow WAY Out"

WOW! IT'S REALLY SNOWING HARD!

DING DONG

WHO COULD BE *HERE* IN THIS WEATHER?

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ARCHIE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'M *DELIVERING* STUFF FOR HANSON'S SPORTING GOODS STORE, BUT THE ROADS ARE GETTING SLIPPERY!

I THOUGHT I COULD SEEK *SHELTER* AT YOUR INN!

HOW CONVENIENT!

WELL, I GUESS I COULD LET YOU *STAY* A BIT!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

SO...

OKAY, ARCHIE! TWO GAMES OF MONOPOLY ARE MY LIMIT!

YOU'D BETTER GO!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

WHO COULD IT BE NOW?

OH, HELLO, OFFICER!

HELLO! WE'RE JUST HERE TO *INFORM* YOU THAT ALL ROADS ARE *CLOSED*! NO ONE IS TO LEAVE! IT'S VERY DANGEROUS!

WHAT?!!

AW, THAT'S TOO *BAD*!!

I'VE GOT A MEETING OUT OF TOWN!

I HAVE TO PICK UP MY DAUGHTER!

SORRY!
WHAT'LL WE ALL DO HERE?
IDEA!
WE CAN *WATCH* SOME TV ON THE *LARGE* SCREEN IN THE DEN!
OKAY! THAT SOUNDS *FINE*!
HOURS LATER...
MS. BLOSSOM, WE'VE SEEN *ENOUGH* HOME MOVIES OF YOURSELF!
NOT TO MENTION ALL YOUR *MEDIA* COVERAGE OF RECENT YEARS!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY MOVIES TO *WATCH*?
JUST A COUPLE I'VE MADE *STARRING* MYSELF!
LET'S DO SOMETHING *ELSE*!
WE CAN *SING* CHRISTMAS CAROLS!
OKAY!
I'LL GO FIRST! JASON, START FILMING ME!

AN HOUR LATER...
I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE A GROUP EFFORT!
YEAH! WHO'S SHE? LIZA MINNELLI?
I'M TAKING A NAP!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
ANYWHERE BUT HERE!
WAIT! LET'S PLAY CHARADES!
OKAY! OKAY!
I'LL GO FIRST!
WHAT A SURPRISE!
HALF-HOUR LATER...
WHAT'S THIS TOPIC SUPPOSED TO BE?
A FAMOUS CELEBRITY?!
I GIVE UP! WHAT'S THE ANSWER?
IT'S ME! CHERYL BLOSSOM! I WAS POINTING AT THIS FLOWER! BLOSSOM! GET IT?
WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! I'M GOING INSANE!
WAIT A MINUTE, ARCHIE! WHAT SORT OF SPORTING GOODS WERE YOU TRANSPORTING?
HANSONS SPORTING GOODS

OH, THE *USUAL* WINTER STUFF! SKIS, SLEDS, ETC.!

ARE YOU THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING?

YEE-HAH!!

HAVE YOU ALL GONE *MAD*?!

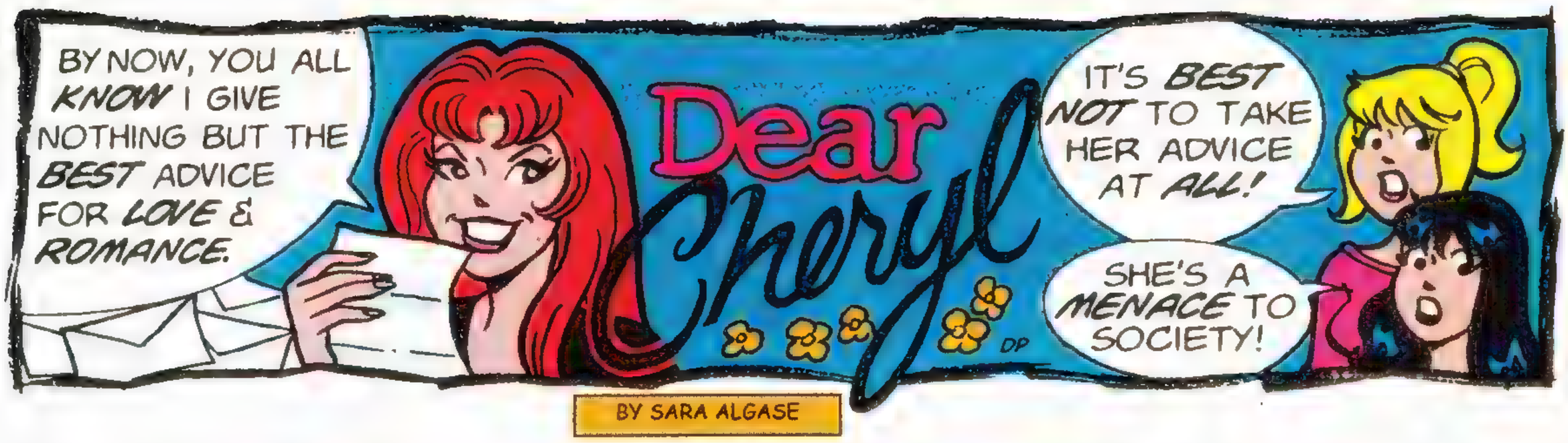
THIS'LL AT LEAST GET US OUT OF *CAPTIVITY* WITH THAT NUTTY GIRL!

HMPH! IF I DIDN'T KNOW *BETTER*, I'D THINK THEY WERE TRYING TO ESCAPE ME!

WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU *THINK* THAT?

I HOPE THEY PLAN ON *PAYING* FOR ALL THIS!

END


BY NOW, YOU ALL KNOW I GIVE NOTHING BUT THE BEST ADVICE FOR LOVE & ROMANCE.
Dear Cheryl
DP
IT'S BEST NOT TO TAKE HER ADVICE AT ALL!
SHE'S A MENACE TO SOCIETY!

BY SARA ALGASE

Dear Cheryl,
I love flirting. It's a talent I have. Do you have any advice for the flirts of America? -- **Flirting Pro, Navasota, TX**

Dear Flirting Pro,
My dear, I'm president of the flirts of America! Here's a shameless flirting tip: Bump into him in the hallway and knock over his books. When you help him pick them up, smile and say sweetly, "I'm so sorry. I always lose my bearings around completely irresistible guys like yourself." Bonus flirting tip: Write a story in English class about a girl who looks and acts just like you who has a crush on a guy who looks and acts just like him. Hopefully he'll see it's him you're writing about! -- ***Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
I'm going out with the most popular guy in the sixth grade but I don't like him. I've already broken up with him before but we've gotten back together. I like this other boy who's really sweet. -- **In Love, Clinton, AR**

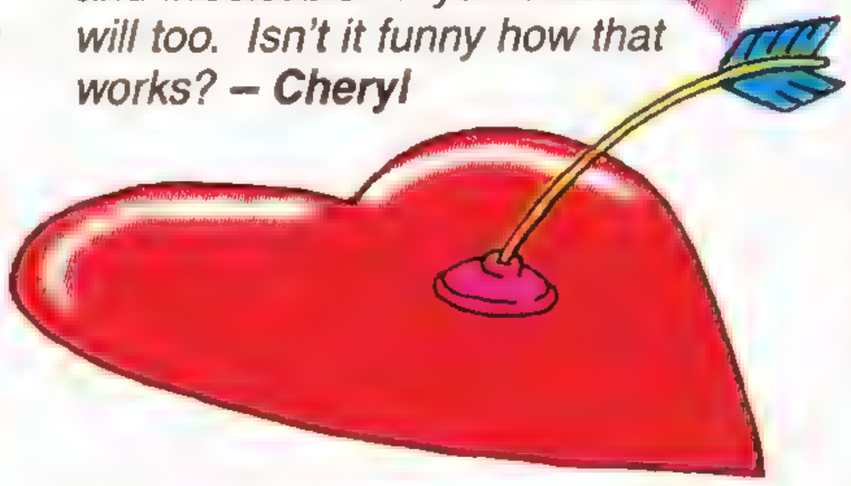
Dear In Love,
Who needs sweet when you can have popular? There are three qualities I always look for in a boyfriend: cute, rich, and popular. Having a popular boyfriend is necessary because he knows where all the good parties are, he's great to be seen with, and he can introduce you to other cute, rich, popular friends so you can have a back-up in case it doesn't work out.
-- ***Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
There's this totally hot guy I'm interested in. The one problem is he's my very best friend and he doesn't think of me in the way I think of him. What can I do to change his mind? -- **Always & Forever Confused, Anacortes, WA**

Dear Always & Forever Confused,
If you want to change his mind, change your clothes. Of course he's going to think of you as his friend if you're wearing jeans and sneakers all the time. But he'll suddenly see you in a different way if you wear cute tops, miniskirts and high heels. Oh, and a little mascara can't hurt either.
-- ***Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
I like a boy named Dave and I went out with his best friend to make him jealous! It worked. He asked me out. I said, "You're kidding, right?" He said no, but I asked him again and he said yes.Could he be playing games with me? -- **Sincerely Looking for Help, Lake Quinault, WA**

Dear Sincerely Looking for Help,
Rule number one: Never ask a guy who asked you on a date if he's kidding. That makes you look insecure. Remember, you don't want to look insecure (even if you are). You want to give the impression that you are brilliant, stunning, exciting and irresistible. If you believe it, he will too. Isn't it funny how that works? -- ***Cheryl***



Dear Cheryl,
My mom won't let me babysit. Do you have any advice? -- **Molly E., Long, MA**

Dear Molly,
Babysitting is one of the best ways to make boyfriends. First of all, there are cute male relatives and friends of the kid you're babysitting. Second you can take the kid out for walks and meet lots of new guys. Babysitting is almost as good a guy-catcher as walking a dog! If, after knowing all this, your mother still doesn't let you babysit, maybe she'll loan you out a totsized family member so you can at least look like you're babysitting. -- ***Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
I've been dating this nice adorable guy named Trent for two years now. All of my friends have boyfriends except for my very best friend. I thought I could always trust her, but now she's trying to steal my boyfriend. Trent said he'd love me forever but I think he likes my friend now.
I don't want to lose my friend or my boyfriend either. -- **Frustrated, Alberta, Canada**

Dear Frustrated,
It's okay for friends to share things like clothes, makeup and jewelry. But your friend should know that sharing boyfriends is definitely a no-no! And stealing boyfriends is an even bigger no-no! Tell her to get her sticky fingers off your man or you'll photocopy her diary and hand it out at lunchtime. That should make her think twice about hijacking your hunk. -- ***Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
My friend is always hanging out with my boyfriend. It seems like she's always flirting with him. I get so jealous. What should I do?
– Jealous & Confused, Tweed, Canada

Dear Jealous & Confused,
Friend or no friend, this girl has no right to put her sticky paws on your boyfriend. Yes, friendship is for sharing, but that doesn't include boyfriends. Ask your guy if he has a cute brother or a friend to occupy her time. If that doesn't work, make him wear a "Hands off, he's mine" sign. **– Cheryl**

Dear Cheryl,
I'm pretty and popular. Boys think I'm cute, but girls say I'm snobby. What should I do? **–Unhappy, Boise, ID**

Dear Unhappy,
If you're so pretty and popular that the girls are jealous of you, you're doing something right. Don't worry about those girls. After a while they'll simmer down and realize that jealousy-green is not an attractive color. Also it's really in their best interest to be your close chum. After all, they'll get first pick of your cast-offs! **– Cheryl**

Dear Cheryl,
My boyfriend doesn't show affection towards me and he hasn't asked me out yet. I only see him twice a week for music lessons. Please help me. I'm in love with him but I'm not sure if he's in love with me.
– Please Help Me, Fort St. John, Canada

Dear Please Help Me,
What kind of boyfriend is he if he doesn't treat you like a goddess and take you to the best restaurants? (Not to mention the large amount of gifts which he should be giving you!) Have a talk with him and explain the rules of being a good boyfriend. If he doesn't get it, ditch him for a guy who's more generous with his affection and his allowance. **– Cheryl**

Dear Cheryl,
I'm a big fan of yours and I've been wondering, how do you go about getting a boyfriend?
– Desperate, Wichita Falls, TX

Dear Desperate,
All I have to do to get a boyfriend is walk out my front door. But then again, I am Cheryl Blossom. When I want a guy to fall head over heels for me, I find out what type of girl he's interested in. You know, cheerleader, rebellious artistic type, athletic chick. Then I pretend I'm that type. By the time he finds out I'm not really that type of girl, it's too late. He's desperately in love with me! **– Cheryl**

Dear Cheryl,
I'm eleven. I met this girl at camp named Ashley. She's tall and pretty. I like her a lot. She's turning thirteen. Is it okay that I like her even though she's older? **– Henry, Ashland, OR**

Dear Henry,
How much older are we talking here? If we're talking a year or two, I say that's fine, as long as you are so cute, rich, and popular that no one will notice. **– Cheryl**

Dear Cheryl,
I have a good wardrobe, but I'm getting tired of wearing the same combinations every week. Can you help me find out how to add more variety in my wardrobe?
– Confused, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dear Confused,
When I want to put more variety in my wardrobe, I go shopping. But if buying new clothes won't fit into your budget, why not borrow some cute outfits from a friend? What good are friends if they can't provide you with extra clothing choices? **– Cheryl**

Dear Cheryl,
This boy has a crush on me but I don't have a crush on him. I told him I just want to be friends but he still won't stop trying to get me to be his girlfriend. He's getting annoying but I get neat gifts from him. Please help me. **– Unknown, British Columbia, Canada**

Dear Unknown,
It's so annoying getting unwanted attention from a guy you don't like. It happens to me all the time. My advice is if he wants to give you lots of gifts, fine. But that doesn't mean you have to date him. Tell him you're saving yourself for Brendan Fraser. **-- Cheryl**

Dear Cheryl,
There's this really nice boy I like. I'm not really sure if he likes me. Can you give me some tips on how to find out if he likes me?
– Melissa, Walla Walla, WA

Dear Melissa,
If a boy likes me, he sweats a lot, mumbles to himself and walks into walls. But then again, I am Cheryl Blossom. Some other signs that a boy might like you are: he gives you presents when it's not your birthday, he brags a lot about his achievements when he knows you're listening and he smiles at you a lot in a kind of goofy lovesick way. **-- Cheryl**

Dear Cheryl,
I like this boy but he doesn't like me. I tried putting up my hair really cute and wearing the best clothes, but he just doesn't notice me. What can I do? **– Katie, Dayton, OH**

Dear Katie,
I think you're forgetting the most important thing, perfume! In order to win a guy's heart you have to smell good. And I'm not talking like pastrami or a burger deluxe. You need to smell spicy, flowery and just plain feminine. Get yourself a bottle and spray some on. Then watch the boys gather like little squirrels around a tree full of acorns.
– Cheryl

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Cheryl Blossom in Deck those HALLS!

CHERYL, REMIND US AGAIN WHY WE'RE HELPING YOU *DECORATE* YOUR INN!

THAT'S EASY! BECAUSE WHEN MY INN *WINS* "BEST DECORATED HOME" IN McCRUMB'S MAGAZINE, YOU WILL BE *INCLUDED!*

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WE'D BETTER GET *CREDIT!* WE'RE DOING ALL THE PHYSICAL LABOR!

NOW! NOW! THE *VISUAL* PLANNING IS TIRING ALSO!

I DON'T MIND, CHERYL!

I *KNEW* YOU WOULDN'T, DEAR!

SOON... THERE! I BELIEVE WE'RE *FINISHED!*

IT'S GORGEOUS!

I HAVE TO ADMIT, IT DOES LOOK *SPECTACULAR!*

THE AWARD IS AS GOOD AS *MINE!*

TURN ON THE LIGHTS!

OOH!

AHHH!!

IT'S JUST LOVELY...

HEY, WHAT'S THAT *GLARING* LIGHT?

EEK! WHAT IS THIS TACKY DISPLAY? IT'S *HURTING* MY EYES!

IT'S MY CLASSLESS NEIGHBORS!

I'M GOING TO CALL THE *POLICE*!

HO HO HO

SO... WHAT? YOU'RE SAYING YOU CAN'T MAKE THEM TAKE DOWN THAT NEON DISASTER?

AFRAID NOT! IT'S THEIR PROPERTY!

BUT IT *DISTRACTS* FROM MY *TASTEFUL* DISPLAY!

SORRY! I CAN'T *LEGISLATE* GOOD TASTE OR BAD!

THIS IS *RIDICULOUS*! I KNOW! WE'LL *BLOCK* THAT HIDEOUS DISPLAY!

HERE'S WHAT WE DO...

SOON... IT'S NO USE! NO TARP CAN *BLOCK* ITS BRIGHTNESS!

AND IT'S ATTRACTING A *CROWD*!

HA! LOOK AT THAT! COOL!

THIS IS *AMAZING*!

OH, GREAT! NOW IT'S ATTRACTING *EVERYONE* IN TOWN!

NOBODY'LL *NOTICE* MY PLACE!

THE PHOTOGRAPHER FROM McCRUMB'S IS COMING TOMORROW NIGHT!

WHAT WILL I DO?

EASY, SIS! JUST CUT OFF THEIR *POWER* SUPPLY!

JUST CUT THIS RED WIRE WITH THE WIRE CUTTERS!

HEY! THAT'S AN IDEA! I'LL JUST *CUT* THEM OFF WHILE THE MAGAZINE IS HERE!

THEN I'LL HAVE A SHOT WITHOUT THAT *GARISH* THING NEXT TO US!

THE NEXT EVENING...

THEY'LL BE HERE *SOON*!

I'LL JUST *CUT* THIS WIRE AND...

OH, NO! WHAT'D I DO? I CUT *OFF* THE POWER TO OUR INN!

HYUCK!! WHAT'S UP, SISTER DEAR?

JASON! YOU SET ME UP!
CAN'T YOU TAKE A JOKE?
OH, THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S HERE!
HERE! I'LL *FIX* THE WIRES!
OH, NO! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REATTACH THIS!
FIX IT! FIX IT!
WE'LL HAVE TO GET AN *ELECTRICIAN!* IT MAY TAKE *HOURS* ON A SATURDAY NIGHT!
DID YOU SAY HOURS?
I'M ON A TIGHT SCHEDULE! WE'LL HAVE TO *CANCEL* THIS...
HA! WHAT'S THIS? WHAT A *SIGHT!*
THIS COULD MAKE AN *INTERESTING* STORY!
NO! NO! NO!
AND...
WELL, AT LEAST WE'RE *IN* THE NEWSPAPER!
ZIP IT!
NEXT DOOR TO CLUB BLOSSOM, GO SEE THE WACKY CHRISTMAS ATTRACTION!
END